

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMENDING THOMAS O. SUGAR

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Thomas O. Sugar, who has served as one of my most valued and trusted aides in the U.S. Senate and in the Indiana Governor's office. I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize Tom for the remarkable service he has rendered on behalf of the people of Indiana.

Tom is a native of Kokomo, IN, an auto town in the heart of our proud manufacturing State. Tom never forgot where he came from, and he has been a faithful and passionate emissary of the hard-working, middle-class Hoosiers who inspired him to enter public service in the first place.

Tom's career in government and politics began when he served as a campaign field organizer for Jim Jontz, who represented Indiana's fifth Congressional District. Throughout his 7 years of service for Congressman Jontz, Tom held a variety of positions, culminating in his ascension to chief of staff in 1991.

I was fortunate to have Tom join my staff as director of communication and planning during my second term as Indiana Governor. Among his many achievements, Tom orchestrated a successful conference on promoting responsible fatherhood that brought together leaders of the most successful fatherhood programs in the country. He also helped plan the Governor's adoption initiative, heralding needed reforms in Indiana's adoption system.

Tom served as my campaign manager for my first Senate race in 1998 and then took over as my chief of staff, a position he has held for over a decade. Tom has carried out this demanding role with unceasing skill, diplomacy, and determination. His portfolio has been considerable. Tom has been a top adviser on a range of significant policy issues, helping to improve our Nation's educational system, supporting working families, strengthening national security, and expanding volunteer opportunities for Americans to serve their country.

In addition to playing a crucial role on policy issues, Tom has served as a leader and a mentor to members of my

staff in both my Indiana and Washington offices. Tom had a knack for discovering new talent, and he helped hone the professional development of countless public servants.

Most importantly, Tom is a devoted father to his sons, Jackson and Carter, and a loving husband to his wife Nancy. Tom cares about the people he works with and treats his colleagues like extended family. Tom was always ready with a kind word during times of plenty and an understanding ear during periods of personal difficulty and loss.

This week, Tom leaves my office to pursue a new opportunity helping lower income students finish their college and postsecondary education. The newly formed National Consortium for College Completion is extraordinarily lucky to have Tom as a part of their organization. While I will deeply miss having Tom on my Senate staff, I look forward to hearing about the work he will do on behalf of students in need across our country.

Tom is a trusted aide, a dear friend, and a true-blue Hoosier whose contributions to the State of Indiana are immeasurable.

Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Tom's extraordinary contributions to this body, and I wish him the best of luck in his future pursuits.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ERNEST P. KLINE

• Mr. CASEY. Madam President, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recently lost a distinguished former lieutenant governor and a life-long Pittsburgh sports fan, Ernest P. Kline. Ernie passed away of congestive heart failure after a life that tells the story of a Pennsylvanian with the determination to reach his goals, a love of public service, and a devoted father and grandfather. Today I honor his memory.

Ernest P. Kline was lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1971 to 1979. During his 8 years of public service, he worked to advance the causes of women and older citizens. After his career in public service, Ernie was president of Kline Associates in Palmyra, PA. His story is a Pennsylvania story of hard work and deep abiding commitment to help people.

Ernie and his two brothers were raised by a single mother in Webster, just outside of Pittsburgh. It was the love and support of his extended Italian-American family, his teachers, and his devout Catholic faith that would shape him into the statesman he came to be. Ernie was the starting quarterback of his Rostraver high school football team. He attended Duquesne University but had to drop out early due to financial constraints. He became a radio-news broadcaster. While working with the radio station in Charleroi, he met his beloved wife Josephine. They would have celebrated

their 60th wedding anniversary June 25th.

When covering a Beaver Falls city council meeting for WBVP-AM, Ernie realized that he wanted to enter public service. He went home, told his family, and was elected to the city council of Beaver Falls, PA, in 1955. Nine years later, Ernie was elected to the senate of Pennsylvania, later becoming the youngest Democratic floor leader ever. After 7 years in the State senate, he was elected lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth.

His life of public service continued after he left elected office through volunteering with different nonprofit organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House and the United Way. He continued supporting Democratic politics his entire life. Ernie also loved to fish and root for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He and Josephine raised 7 children and they were blessed with 12 grandchildren. Ernie was a loving father and devoted grandfather who instilled in his family a love of Pennsylvania and the value of a life in public service. More importantly, he was a dad who made sure the kids did all of their homework and all of their chores.

Ernie Kline was a person of integrity and compassion. He never forgot where he came from and the values that guided his life. I extend my sincere condolences to Josephine and the Kline family for their loss. His life story will continue to inspire his family and many others to devote their lives to public service and to the poor and the powerless. •

JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, shortly before the recess, U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly completed her service as presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. By law, after serving for a maximum of 7 years, judges of the FISA Court, who are designated from the U.S. districts courts by the Chief Justice of the United States to serve on the FISA Court in addition to their regular judicial responsibilities, are not eligible for redesignation.

Now that Judge Kollar-Kotelly has completed her distinguished service on the FISA Court, it is fitting to take note of the admirable service she has rendered as the presiding judge of an institution that is central to our Nation's commitment to conduct foreign intelligence within the rule of law.

Judge Kollar-Kotelly was appointed in 1984 to serve as an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In 1997, she was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In 2002, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist designated her to be presiding judge of the FISA Court. Her ability to earn the trust of two Presidents and a Chief Justice is noteworthy in itself.

The period of Judge Kollar-Kotelly's service as presiding judge, from 2002 to 2009, has been, of course, a period of enormous challenge for the FISA Court. The work of the court, apart from limited releases of statistical information and the rare case in which a redacted opinion has been released publicly, occurs in secrecy. But while little is publicly known about her service as presiding judge, from the vantage point of the Senate Intelligence Committee I can say with confidence that the American people should be very grateful for her leadership of this most important court.

Congratulations, Judge Kollar-Kotelly, and thanks for a job well done.●

CONGRATULATING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009

● Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I take the opportunity today to congratulate the class of 2009 at George Washington Community High School in Indianapolis, IN. This class has achieved the notable result of having all 89 spring and summer graduates accepted to college—a rare feat for any high school in America. Many of these students will be the first members of their families to attend college. Only about 5 percent of the adults in the surrounding community have attended college.

I am especially proud of what the students, teachers, and families of Washington High School are achieving because the school and community have played a big role in my early career and in the life of my family. My grandfather, Thomas L. Green, lived on the West Side of Indianapolis near Washington High School. Although he had only a fifth-grade education, he established Thomas L. Green and Company, a food machinery manufacturing firm, in a factory near the high school.

When I returned to Indianapolis in 1960 after my Navy service, I joined my brother, Thomas R. Lugar, in managing the food machinery business. Many of our employees and interns came from the neighborhood surrounding George Washington High School. Thanks to the leadership of Principal Cloyd Julian and others, we joined the George Washington Business club, through which we met frequently with the students and teachers.

In late 1963, a delegation from the West Side came to my office at the factory to encourage me to run for the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners. They felt that schools on the West Side were being neglected, and they wanted to ensure that the perspective of our community was heard. I accepted their challenge and won a seat on the board in May of 1964. This responsibility deepened my involvement in the affairs of George Washington and other schools in our neighborhood.

I was elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1967 and continued to stay closely

involved with the school. During this period, George Washington had developed a legendary basketball program that was followed closely on the West Side. The school won the Indiana High School Basketball State Championship in 1965 and 1969. We attended every tournament game and any pep rallies. It was wonderful to see the high school as a leader politically, academically, and athletically.

I take a moment to recount this cherished history because George Washington is a prime example of how a school can succeed through the hard work of its students and teachers, the support of the community, and the expectation of achievement. These students have dedicated themselves to setting an example for their younger siblings and the classes that will follow them at George Washington. The teachers never stop preaching about the advantages of going to college and never let the students assume that their education ends with high school. And parents have supported these students, even if the experience of college is a new one for their families.

The most fundamental element of American competitiveness and progress is the quality of education that our children receive. We must make sure that all of our young people are educated 100 percent of them. We cannot afford to be satisfied with less. George Washington High School clearly has embraced this challenge.

I am privileged to recognize this marvelous school and the students who are graduating and going to college, for this signal achievement. It is clear that the students at George Washington have the vision and inspiration to move ahead, which is so important to their lives but also to the success of our great country. I look forward to following their achievements and supporting their dreams in the years ahead.

Below is a complete list of the remarkable George Washington High School Class of 2009:

Edgardo Aboytes, Megan Adams, Armando Alejo, Mauricio Arreola, Salvador Arteaga, Jose Arteaga, Louis Aumann, Imelda Benitez-Vasquez, Sarah Boles, Devon Brogan, Dawn Caffery, Sebastiana Campos, Aloric Carson, Ariel Casillas, Katherine Cook, Erik Cook, Cheris Drotz-Smith, Joyce East, Luis Escatel, Petra Felder.

Edith Flores, Anthony Fuller, Manuel Gil, Dortha Glenn, Noe Gonzalez, John Graves, Christopher Hall, Katey Hicks, Kaela Hunt, Kathryn Hunter, Tiffany Ingalls, Alma Jimenez, Dujuan Johnson, Cleveland Johnson, Charles Lile, James Locke, Adelmer Lopez, Rubi Lopez, Daniel Luckett, Karina Magallanes.

Jessica Martinez, Joshua Masters, Angela McClure, Ashley McClure, Patrick McDonald, Frederick McKnight, Keith McLemore, Adem Meftah, Shantina Moore, Fernando Mora, James Morris, Felicia Moy, Nohemi Ocampo, Rick Owens, Andrew Parsley, Julian Peters, Kiara Ragland, Miguel Ramirez, Tisha Ramirez, Daniel Rangel.

Matthew Reeves, Jeffery Riley, Tiffany Riley, Brittney Ritchie, Marcos Rivera, Marvin Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Fernando Rojas, Marcus Ross, Emanuel Ruiz,

Loniqua Smith, Erica Snyder, Gregorio Soto, Brittany Spears, Jason Stark-Jines, DeVaughn Stokes.

India Tinsley, Samantha Turner, Maria Valdez, Kenneth Valentine, Cassandra Vest, Sherry Whitescarver, Brandy Whitescarver, Victoria Wilcox, Calvin Williams, Rodshied Williams, William Wilson, Cassandra Wilson, Jose Zelaya.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for excessive compensation of any employee of an employer; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1740. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8413-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1741. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Amendments" (FRL-8417-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1742. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1743. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.